



**Grand Canyon Unified School District #4**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Special Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes are recorded as annotations of the agenda, as indicated in gray background and left paragraph bars (bars have been added because the gray background may not copy).

**Due to the pandemic, this meeting will be conducted online and telephonically**

**Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02**, notice is hereby given to the public that the Governing Board of the Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 will convene for a Special Meeting. The Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

**Please click the link below to join the meeting:**

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The Governing Board reserves the right to move into Executive Session for discussion and consideration of employment, assignment, promotion, demotion, salaries, etc., and/or legal advice with its attorneys for any item listed on the agenda, in person or telephonically, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A) (1) or (A) (3).

**AGENDA**

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris

At: 6:02 PM

Motion: Call to Order

Second: Ms. Jessica Warren

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**B. ROLL CALL**

In compliance with social distancing and stay-at-home recommendations issued by the Center for Disease Control and directions from Federal and State governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Board meeting was held virtually by phone/web conference.

Designation of “present” in the roll call indicates these members were identified as active members in the conference call.

The Board Meeting phone/web conference information was provided for the public in the meeting posting. As a result not all individuals who called into the meeting were identified. Only Board Members and district staff who actually reported to the Board are identified in the roll call.

Board members present:

- Ms. Kathryn Morris
- Mr. Kevin Hartigan; Mr. Hartigan was delayed in joining, see note below.
- Ms. SuZan Pearce
- Ms. Jessica Warren

District staff members present:

- Tosca Henry, JD, Legal Counsel
- Shonny Bria, Ph. D., Superintendent
- Mr. Matt Yost, Principal
- Mr. Thomas O’Connor, Program Director, Acting Board Secretary
- Ms. Cynthia Moreno, Athletic Director

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 6:03 PM  
 Motion: Approval of the Agenda as presented  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**2. AIA**

**A. Discussion and possible approval of participation in AIA spring track season and participation in middle school volleyball**

Ms. Cynthia Moreno, Athletic Director, proposed allowing the school to participate in AIA sponsored Spring Track and Volleyball. She described the controls that AIA has implemented to minimize the potential spread of the coronavirus, and the actions the school is planning, for example, having the volleyball team perform warmups outside and no team managers for either sport.

The only concern expressed by Board members was related to transportation. Ms. Moreno described plans to minimize risk in transportation which included: requiring face masks, enhanced ventilation by keeping windows open to the extent possible, and physical distancing to the maximum extent possible.

Note: Mr. Hartigan joined the meeting in progress at 06:10 PM.

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 6:20 PM  
 Motion: Approve participation in AIA spring track season and AIA volleyball as AIA allows  
 Second: Ms. SuZan Pearce  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**3. Proclamation 21-02**

**A. Discussion and possible approval of Proclamation 21-02**

Dr. Bria led off the discussion by noting that today, March 3, just a few hours before the Board meeting, Governor Ducey released Executive Order 2021-04, "Open for In-Person Learning."

This order supersedes the proposed proclamation as written at this time.

Ms. Tosca Henry (legal counsel) then went briefly through Executive Order 2021-04, highlighting a key question, which is left ambiguous in the order: Does the order require opening in full, 4-day a week in-person learning, or as suggested by the requirements for physical distancing, does in-person learning also allow for a hybrid schedule? A Whereas clause suggests in-person can be either full or hybrid, but it is not stated in the Therefore clause.

Mr. O'Connor added to Ms. Henry's comments, noting that paragraph #4 limited the ability of a school to close unless by advice of a local health department. This effectively made the proposed, history-based expanded limits of the proposed proclamation null and void.

As a result of open questions, the Board tabled the discussion, with directions to staff to schedule a follow-up meeting for the following Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00 PM to take up the issue after receipt of further clarification.

Item Tabled at 06:43 PM

**4. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A.** The Board may vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(3) for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding an update on a third-party inquiry.

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 6:45 PM  
 Motion: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(3) for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding an update on a third-party inquiry.  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**5. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 7:21 PM  
 Motion: Reconvene to Regular Session.  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**6. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. The Board may vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee and (A) (3) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body, regarding the evaluation of the Superintendent.

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 7:22 PM  
 Motion: Enter into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee and (A) (3) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body, regarding the evaluation of the Superintendent.  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**7. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 08:38 PM  
 Motion: Reconvene to Regular Session.  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**8. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. The Board may vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee and (A) (3) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body, regarding the renewal of a one-year Superintendent’s contract.

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 08:39 PM  
 Motion: Enter Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee and (A) (3) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body, regarding the renewal of a one-year Superintendent’s contract.  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**9. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 At: 09:00 PM  
 Motion: Reconvene to Regular Session.  
 Second: Mr. Kevin Hartigan  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**A. The Board may take action on the item discussed in Executive Session 8.A.**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 Motion: Renew the Superintendent Contract for the 2021-2022 School Year. The Board agreed to reconvene an Executive Session to review the terms for the contract agreement on March 10, 2024.  
 Motion at : 09:07 PM  
 Second: Ms. Jessica Warren

**10. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A) (3) for the purpose of discussion and/or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body for analysis of statutes and/or policies relevant for a superintendent’s search.

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris  
 Motion: Table this project until the new Board member has been appointed to the Board.  
 At: 9:08 PM  
 Second: Ms. SuZan Pearce  
Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			

**11. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

**A. The Board may take action on the item discussed in Executive Session 10.A.**

Not applicable based on the previous motion.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris

At: 09:08 PM

Motion: Adjourn

Second: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Jessica Warren	X			



Respectfully Submitted By, \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Kathryn Morris  
Board President

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Jessica Warren  
Board Member

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Suzan Pearce  
Board Clerk/Vice President

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Kevin Hartigan  
Board Member

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